



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C., 20231 on December 5, 2002.

Michelle Fais

(signature)

RECEIVED
DEC 12 2002
TC 1700

9/B
W.M.
12/16/02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:)
Noethe et al.) Group Art Unit 1753
)
Application Serial No. 09/763,481) Examiner:
) Rodney Glenn McDonald
Filed: April 23, 2001)
)
Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING AN) Attorney Docket 1-15247
ELECTROCHROMIC COATING)

December 5, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Action dated August 5, 2002, received in the above-identified application.

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel pending claims 1 to 11, inclusive.

Please add the following new claims:

5r02

14. (New) A process for the production of an electrochromic coating on a substrate by cathode sputtering of a target in a coating atmosphere containing a noble gas and hydrogen ions, wherein at least one gaseous hydrocarbon is added to the coating atmosphere in order to reduce the blind charge of the electrochromic coating.

BK
SWB
C1